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Chandler earns 'Corrections Executive', 'Correctional Health Professional' titles

FRANKFORT, Ky. - Larry D. Chandler, warden of the Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange, has earned his Certified Corrections Executive (CCE) designation from the national Commission on Corrections Certification. Chandler is the first in Kentucky to achieve this honor.

Prior to certification, applicants qualify on the basis of their experience and accomplishments in the field of corrections. Then, they must successfully complete a comprehensive examination that tests their knowledge as a corrections executive.

As warden of Kentucky's largest prison, Chandler oversees an inmate population of over 1,800 and a staff of nearly 500. The facility houses the state's most serious physical and mental health patients as well as a licensed nursing home for aging and ill inmates. Prior to becoming warden at KSR, Chandler was warden of another LaGrange prison, the Luther Luckett Correctional Complex. He is a 21-year veteran of the field and started his career as a corrections officer.

The CCE designation is an indication of demonstrated professionalism involving such activities as leadership, managing change and human resources, and expertise in the operational oversight of a corrections facility.

In addition, Chandler also was recently named a Certified Correctional Health Professional. This certification means Chandler has demonstrated mastery of national standards and the knowledge expected of leaders working in the field of correctional health care. Certification is awarded to those individuals who have excellent professional references and who pass an exam offered by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC).